

The Noble
RESOLUTION,
Delivered in a
PAPER
thrown over the Scaffold
AT EDENBOROUGH,
BY
PATT. LEITHE

Hearthill;

One of the Commanders of His
Majesties Forces in the Kingdom of
Scotland, at his Death, not being per-
mitted to deliver himselfe
in VVords.

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Sent in a Letter from **SCOTLAND.**

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Good People,

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rall businesse that I am to suf-
fer this untimely Death, as
it would appeare, but I take it as a
just Iudgement from Heaven for par-
ticular grosse and grievous sinnes com-
mitted against the great God and Su-
preame Ruler of Men and Angells;
who hath oftentimes (to his glory be
it spoken) brought me through many
dangerous and huge difficulties, in so
much, that few dayes (for a long time
together) escaped me, but I have look't
Death on the face, and by assistance
from the Almighty, shall now out-
brave him: yet such was the mercy
of God towards me, that I not onely
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on I more grieve at, then ten such Deaths; for it goes beyond all admiration, that understanding people should be so much infatuated with the delusions of some particular Noblemen and Ministers, who govern for the time at their pleasure; and doubtlesse have a large account to make to the knower of the secrets of all hearts, as all t' is while not to undisguise these masked zealots, who under the pretence of maintaining Religion; and the Kings Honour, have sufficiently undone the one, and unavoydeably will ruine the other: I speake not this out of a repining or resenting humour; for were it not the pleasure of the all commanding God, who alone hath power of Life and Death, that I should in this way bid farewell to the World, though invironed with Armies, I could not perish: And therefore I freely forgive

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give whatsoever wrongs I have received from men, and beseech Heaven never to lay my blood to their charge, but heartily prayes for their remorse, and that the Lord would not onely in humility turne their hearts towards himselfe, but likewise give them loyall hearts and stainlesse Affections to their just, lawfull, and naturall Prince, and unite both his and theirs to the highest, who is above all Kings and Monarchs : if I have spoake any thing ignorantly, I beseech my Redeemer to forget and forgive that sin also, amongst the rest of my many haynous offences : And I implore the Father of mercies, that of his infinite goodnesse he would be pleased to restrain the Coaleblowers and hatchers of this unnaturall Warre, and grant that their power may prove ineffectuall for the time to come, from further shedding of innocent blood,

and tyrannicall oppressing and destroying the Subject, and make them penitently sensible of their proceedings against both God and his Vicegerent.

My last service to those two invincible Noblemen HUNTLEY and MONTROSSE who have been most faithfull and true Subiects to their Master) my Cordiall respects to my Lord GORDON, my Parents, and him that should succeed me, I recommend to the Royall Protection of His Maiesty, to whom I have been ever Loyall, and for whom I lay down my head most heartily to the Block: My Soule I bequeath to my Maker, through whose tender mercies, and the merits of my Saviour IESUS CHRIST I hope and am confident to enioy everlasting life.

PATT. LEITCH
of Hearthill

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